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CLAIM AMENDMENTS FOR CONSIDERATION – NOT FOR FILE ENTRY

1. (Proposed Amendment) A trim panel insulator for a vehicle, consisting essentially of:

a single, multidensity nonlaminated acoustical and thermal insulating layer of polymer fiber selected from a group consisting of polyester, a combination of polyester and fiberglass, polypropylene and any mixtures thereof wherein said acoustical and thermal insulating layer includes a skin defined as a processed first surface of said acoustical and thermal insulating layer, said skin being formed by applying heat to a first surface of said acoustical and thermal insulating layer during the molding of said acoustical and thermal insulating layer.

2. (Canceled).

3. (Previously Presented) The insulator of claim 1, including a first facing layer over a first face of said acoustical and thermal insulating layer, said first facing layer being constructed from a material selected from a group consisting of polyester, rayon, polyethylene, polypropylene, ethylene vinyl acetate, polyvinyl chloride, fibrous scrim, metallic foil and mixtures thereof.

4. (Previously Presented) The insulator of claim 3, including a second facing layer over a second face of said acoustical and thermal insulating layer.

5. (Previously Presented) The insulator of claim 4, wherein said acoustical and thermal insulating layer has a weight per unit area of between about 20-130 g/ft².

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6. (Original) The insulator of claim 5, wherein said acoustical and thermal insulating layer and said first facing layer are approximately the same color.

7. (Original) The insulator of claim 5, wherein said acoustical and thermal insulating layer, said first facing layer and said second facing layer are approximately the same color.

8. (Proposed amendment) A trim panel insulator for a vehicle, consisting essentially of [comprising]: a single, nonlaminated acoustical and thermal insulating layer of polymer fiber selected from a group consisting of polyester, a combination of polyester and fiberglass, polypropylene and any mixtures thereof also including a nonlaminated skin of polymer fiber along at least one face of said acoustical and thermal insulating layer, said nonlaminated skin having a higher density than a remaining portion of said insulating layer.

9. (Previously Presented) The insulator of claim 8, including a first facing layer over a first face of said acoustical and thermal insulating layer, said first facing layer being constructed from a material selected from a group consisting of polyester, rayon, polyethylene, polypropylene, ethylene vinyl acetate, polyvinyl chloride, fibrous scrim, metallic foil and mixtures thereof.

10. (Previously Presented) The insulator of claim 9, including a second facing layer over a second face of said acoustical and thermal insulating layer.

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11. (Previously Presented) The insulator of claim 10, wherein said acoustical and thermal insulating layer has a weight per unit area of between about 20-130 g/ft².

12. (Previously Presented) The insulator of claim 11, wherein said acoustical and thermal insulating layer and said first facing layer are approximately the same color.

13. (Previously Presented) The insulator of claim 11, wherein said acoustical and thermal insulating layer, said first facing layer and said second facing layer are approximately the same color.

14. (Proposed to Cancel) ~~The insulator of claim 1, wherein the insulating layer includes a skin having a higher density than a remaining portion of the insulating layer.~~